

To: Administration & Finance Executive Committee
From: Tyler Moffitt, Fire Chief/CEMC
Date: June 13, 2018
Subject: Memorandum of Understanding - Naloxone Agreement with the Northwestern Health Unit

Background

Our Fire & Rescue Service undertakes and provides medical 1st response and tiered response services (paramedic assist) in the Town of Fort Frances.

As well, our staff has responded to opioid-related incidents in the past, as well as there is the potential for opioids to be present during fire suppression and motor vehicle crash responses.

As an employer, the Town of Fort Frances shall ensure to: *take every precaution reasonable in the circumstances for the protection of a worker [clause 25(2)(h)].*

As a supervisor, I shall ensure to: *take every precaution reasonable in the circumstances for the protection of workers [clause 27(2)(c)].*

Therefore, for the protection of all members of the Fort Frances Fire & Service, as well as in the interest of harm reduction with the common goal of reducing the number of opioid related deaths in the Town of Fort Frances ... I strongly recommend signing a **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – Naloxone Agreement with the Northwestern Health Unit.**

Naloxone is a **Schedule II drug**, meaning Naloxone is **not** a prescription drug and is meant to be used in emergency situations, similar to giving CPR, using an AED, or Epi-Pen.

As well, Naloxone is specifically approved in Canada for layperson/bystander administration in an opioid-related emergency.

Please see the following two attachments, which are the MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING Between the Northwestern Health Unit & the Fort Frances Fire & Rescue Service, which will need to be signed after approval by Mayor and Council, as well a letter from Gillian Lunny, Manager, Sexual Health & Harm Reduction of the Northwestern Health Unit.

Meanwhile, I have developed a DRAFT OPERATING GUIDELINE entitled **OG #317 Intranasal Naloxone (Narcan) for Emergency Administration.**

Recommendation

That the Administration & Finance Executive Committee approves this report and directs Council to bring forward the resolution to adopt a **Memorandum of Understanding MOU-Naloxone Agreement** with the Northwestern Health Unit, as well as adopt a By-Law.

Respectfully submitted,



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